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Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 10:21 AM
To: Canteenwala, Eric; Reyes, Deldi
Subject: RE: Carver Elementary School: Summary of Environmental Concerns and Agency Action

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From: McDaniel, Doug
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 8:04 AM
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I like Steve's idea. Also, I'm here to help if needed.

Thanks,
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No, my apologies, go ahead and send the note. Let's just not mention to Robina the possibility of an inspection under the lead program at this time, either in email or verbally.

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To: Reyes, Deldi; Canteenwala, Eric; McDaniel, Doug
Cc: Weintraub, Max
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Deldi, are you proposing that I not send my response? My response is included in the email chain.

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Whoa - everyone, Eric I'm sorry but I should correct myself here. KJ gave Max the green light to review status of contractor who did the renovation work. I'm copying Doug here, Max's supervisor, who is tracking this issue in Max' absence. She did not give the green light for an inspection.

What I said was that even if Max felt an inspection was warranted, it wouldn't be a stand alone trip- I'm sure he / Doug would want it combined with something else Max was already planning in the LA area. So Robina's request that a field visit/inspection/sampling trip happen ASAP is not realistic.

I have a great relationship with Robina and I don't mind telling her that an inspection is not warranted after Doug's group does the review IF that is the case. However, Steve, I think you also need to be up front with her about PCBs and why you think PCB sampling is not warranted either. In general we need a united front here.

I propose we let Doug's group do the review of the renovator, report back to Eric and then Eric, why don't you set up a prep meeting with me, Steve and Doug and we can work out how best to respond to Robina's request.

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To: Canteenwala, Eric
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Does Robina know about Max? His visit may appease her.

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Hey Steve,

This email looks good. I also looked into Asbestos and lead abatement, prior land use, compliance records of nearby facilities, leaking natural gas lines, and soil sampling for pesticides. I am drafting a comprehensive summary of all actions taken on Carver to date and will send it to everyone listed in this email as well as everyone on the call last week.

Also, Deldi told me today that Kathleen Johnson has given the green light for Max Weintraub (Lead Inspector) to visit Carver during his next trip to LA (uncertain how long that may be). I don't think you should include that in your email, but I will call Robina and let her know.

-Minor edit- you are missing the "s", should be "on-going concerns"

Thank You,

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Tom, please see the draft below. Eric Canteenwala has had a number of conversations with Ms. Suwol. She has indicated that if we do not test, she will take the issue to the LA Times. Eric has looked into her many concerns (gas lines, birds falling from the sky, abandoned oil wells, etc). He has concluded that there isn't any unresolved issues (Eric, please respond to this email if you have anything to add).

Ms. Suwol,

Thank you for your email regarding environmental concerns at Mabel Carver Elementary School (MCES) in Stanton, California. Both EPA and DTSC have looked into the environmental concerns you have raised. At this time, our agencies have not found any significant or unaddressed on-going concern.

MCES has been closed for the last two years as it has undergone major renovation. PCBs in school and other buildings is primarily in window caulking and in pre-1979 manufactured fluorescent light ballasts (FLBs). The renovation included the removal and replacement of all windows and light fixtures. The ventilation systems in the school were also modernized to include air conditioning. Before opening of the school, the classrooms will be cleaned. Given that the major renovation removed the most significant sources of potential PCBs in building materials (caulk and FLBs), at this time, we do not believe it is necessary to test for the presence of PCBs.

If you have any questions please call me at 415-972-3352. Thank you.

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From: Robina [mailto:robinasuwol@earthlink.net]

Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 4:31 PM

To: reyes.deldi@eap.gov; arman.steve@epa.gov; Blumenfeld, Jared; Miller, Amy; Campopiano, Jorine; LEONIDO-JOHN, STEVEN; Canteenwala, Eric

Cc: dcapjane@aol.cm

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USEPA performed extensive testing in the Santa Monica Unified School District, Malibu schools, and we would be extremely distraught if this site were not provided the same review.

California safe Schools believes the minority disabled preschool children, many of whom are non verbal who are scheduled to attend the school in the fall, deserve the same thorough testing, inspection, and investigation as Malibu.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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